QUIETEST YEAR ON RECORD

Over the past 10 years, San Luis Obispo has experienced a dramatic decrease in noise complaints. Since 2009, noisy party complaint calls to the police department have dropped by 52%. This dramatic decrease is the result of collaboration with Cal Poly University in programming, intensive and consistent education, policy changes and ordinance adoption.

Launched in 2017, party registration is one of the programs that helps residents plan successful social events and provides a warning phone call if a noise complaint is received. In 2019, 242 party registration applications were approved and only three (3) citations issued to party hosts who did not heed the warning phone call.

To register an event with the police department, access the online application and submit a week in advance.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Housing! Housing! New affordable housing has been approved! In December of 2019, City Advisory Bodies approved two new 100% affordable housing developments proposed by Peoples’ Self-Help Housing Corporation. Broad Street Place, located at 3720 Broad Street, will provide a total of 40 new affordable housing units, 10 of which will be dedicated exclusively to extremely low income veterans. The City Council also approved an allocation of City Affordable Housing Funds in the amount of $1,300,000 to loan to the project. Tiburon Place, located at 3750 Bullock Lane, was approved for a total of 68 units, as well as an Affordable Housing Fund award of $700,000. These 108 units to be developed will provide much needed housing to extremely low, very low, and low income households in the community!

City staff are also continuing efforts on updating the City’s Housing Element of the General Plan. The Project Team still needs your help identifying housing preferences and current challenges, in order to help develop policies and programs for the Housing Element! Community Development Department staff will be conducting a variety of public engagement opportunities throughout the Spring of 2020, so stay tuned! Please contact Rachel Cohen rcohen@slocity.org for more information, or to be added to the electronic interested parties list.
FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE

The City is fortunate to have a partnership with the County of San Luis Obispo through the Zone 9 District to conduct flood control surveys and work in the watershed. As part of this effort, funding was identified to support two part-time positions to help maintain the creek system and remove dead and down debris which could cause flooding. Annual surveys are completed and now with the additional staff support, the City is able to respond to locations that have not been maintained in some time.

San Luis Creek at Murray/Santa Rosa

The City owns property along the creek and has drainage easements over additional properties and once a list of problem areas is developed, those locations are prioritized and an implementation plan is put into effect. There is a focus on where there has been trouble in the past as well as general maintenance along the creek and special attention is paid to bridge crossings to ensure there is clear passage of elevated flows during the winter as well. Non-native vegetation is trimmed back to increase capacity and prevent the accumulation of debris and also allow for native vegetation to become re-established to support more natural function. City staff are also looking at expanding the partnership with the County to embrace more watershed perspective projects for more effective watershed management.

ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

With the completion of the Righetti and Tank Farm roundabout in 2019, and the recent completion of a roundabout on Orcutt and Ranch House Road, folks may be realizing that roundabouts will not be a rare or “new thing to SLO” for long. In the Orcutt Area neighborhoods, there are two additional roundabouts with construction on the Orcutt and Tank Farm roundabout scheduled to break ground this summer.
Every 10 years, the United States takes on an enormous task: counting all the people who live in the country and recording basic information about them, such as age, sex, and race. What’s in it for the residents of San Luis Obispo? The census helps shape our future as a community through four key ways:

**Fair Representation**
The data collected by the census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census is used in local redistricting, which is the redrawing of district lines to ensure that local legislative representation is fair and balanced. The federal government uses the census information to determine how many members of Congress each state will have, and if California’s population is under counted, this will impact our state’s congressional representation.

**Federal Funding**
The census helps with equitable distribution of public funds from the federal government to local educational programs, health care, law enforcement, highways, and more. Last fiscal year the County of San Luis Obispo received $74.6 million in federal funding for various programs, including public health services, child welfare services, and emergency response management grants, much of which was allocated based on census information.

**Identify needs for new schools and hospitals**
Data collected from the census will also help determine local school districts and help communities like ours plan for new schools and hospitals.

**Economic Impacts**
Companies use census data to decide where to open new locations which in turn, creates jobs.

By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share the data with immigration or law enforcement agencies or allow it to determine eligibility for government benefits. Residents will start receiving letters from the U.S. Census Bureau in March to complete the census. For more info about the County’s 2020 Census outreach efforts, visit [slocounty.ca.gov/2020CensusOutreach](slocounty.ca.gov/2020CensusOutreach).
SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City has a Private Sewer Lateral Rebate Program that began August 21, 2019, offering $2,000 rebates to single-family residential homeowners replacing their property’s sewer lateral ($3,000 rebates are offered in capacity constrained areas of the City). Retroactive rebates of $1,000 are offered for single-family residential homeowners that replaced their private sewer laterals between July 1, 2017 and August 20, 2019. The rebate application is available on the City website.

On September 3, 2019 the City Council adopted Ordinance 1665 to support the maintenance, inspection, repair and replacement of private sewer laterals (Municipal Code Sections 13.08.390.D. and 13.08.395). Under these regulations, as of January 1, 2020, inspections of private sewer laterals are required prior to the close of escrow at the point of sale of a property in the City of San Luis Obispo.

If you are an owner considering selling property in the City, it is strongly recommended that you have a plumber inspect the property’s private sewer lateral before the opening of escrow. Property owners are required to submit a Private Sewer Lateral Inspection Report to the City’s Utilities Department prior to the close of escrow and disclose the results of the inspection to all parties involved in the sale. If corrective repairs are needed, the buyer and seller may agree on who will be responsible for making the repairs.

If you have questions on the City’s Inspection Upon Sale requirements or the City’s Rebate Program, please contact the City’s Wastewater Collection Supervisor, Jeremy Gearhart, at 805-781-7033.
SLO FORWARD - JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Healthy cities don’t happen by accident. They happen through partnerships, good planning, community engagement, and a vision. The City has begun engaging with the community about the services, maintenance and infrastructure needs that supports our city's character and maintains our quality of life. SLO Forward is a conversation with the community about the future needs, challenges and vision of San Luis Obispo. Through conversations with community members, a list of top priorities has emerged:

- Requiring all funds used locally to benefit the community
- Protecting creeks from pollution
- Addressing homelessness
- Maintaining police, fire/emergency response
- Keeping public areas safe and clean
- Helping ensure children have safe places to play
- Protecting open space and natural areas
- Protecting long-term fiscal stability
- Preparing for wildfires and other natural disasters
- Repairing streets and potholes

After a review of the current and future needs for services, maintenance and infrastructure, there is a financial gap between the resources available and what community members value most. The City wants you to join that conversation. Please fill out the community engagement survey, at slocity.org/opencityhall to share your highest priorities.

The results of the survey and the options to fill that financial gap will be presented to the City Council in early summer 2020. While this process is similar to the bi-annual Major City Goal Setting, SLO Forward is a broader effort in determining the community’s priorities and how they can be funded to ensure San Luis Obispo maintains its unique character and quality of life. Questions? Contact Ryan Betz at 805-781-7589 or RBetz@slocity.org.

MONTEREY BAY COMMUNITY POWER

Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) began delivering cost savings and other clean-energy benefits to residents and businesses in San Luis Obispo in January. MBCP has already energized significant economic and environmental progress in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties since its March 2018 launch and will expand on these benefits by growing its service area along the Central Coast.

Other than savings, the only change that customers will see on their bill is a new line item for MBCP Electric Generation Charges. PG&E will no longer include electric generation charges inside their bundled service, they will only bill for transmission and distribution. Customers will continue receiving only one electric bill from PG&E, which includes both PG&E charges for transmission and distribution, as well as MBCP charges for electric generation.

To date, MBCP has provided customers in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties with a total savings of $18.4 million on electric-generation costs. MBCP anticipates businesses and residents in San Luis Obispo will save approximately $1.3 million.

For more information regarding the Monterey Bay Community Power enrollment for San Luis Obispo, please visit mbcp.org/enrollment.
TAKE-OUT JUST GOT MORE "GREEN"

The State of California recently approved Assembly Bill 619 which provides clarification on bringing reusable containers to restaurants. With the passage of the AB 619, customers may bring reusable containers to be filled at restaurants or food vending events like Farmers Market.

Bringing reusable containers for takeout or getting reusable containers and utensils from food vendors is not required in any event. Restaurants have the legislative support to accept re-usable containers, but are in no way required to provide that service to customers. AB 619 is very specific in the health measures required to ensure a hygienic restaurant experience.

Single-use plastics often used for take-out from restaurants or at events are not recyclable, and in the best-case scenario they end up buried in a landfill taking up space and degrading slowly over hundreds of years. In the worst case, single-use plastics used for only a few minutes between manufacturing and disposal end up as pollutants found in our soils and water ways.

Bringing reusable utensils and containers with you to restaurants and events helps nurture environmental health and reduce landfilled waste in our community.

SLO’S FIRST HYBRID BEACON IS LIVE!

The new signalized pedestrian and bicycle crossing at Foothill and Ferrini was completed in December and is the first of its kind in the county. Already heavily used by elementary school students, parents and nearby neighbors, the crossing provides a comfortable crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists of all age and ability levels. Design is wrapping up and construction estimated to begin this summer for a pedestrian hybrid beacon on Broad Street near Woodbridge.
NEW SIGNS BRING MAXIMUM AWARENESS TO DRIVERS

At uncontrolled marked crosswalks where speeds are higher than 25 MPH, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) can be an effective tool to further bring awareness to drivers of pedestrians crossing. As the flashing lights are only activated when a pedestrian is crossing, the flashing pattern can be very effective in getting the attention of a driver and making them aware of someone crossing. The City is currently working on the design of RRFBs for the following locations:

- Johnson and Sydney
- Tank Farm and Poinsettia
- Monterey and Buena Vista
- South and King
- Broad and Islay
- Osos and Islay

Construction at these locations is projected to be completed by the by the end of 2020.

BIKE LANE ARE NOT PARKING SPACES

San Luis Obispo is a multi-modal community. Walkers, cyclists, drivers, ride sharers, bus riders, carpoolers; we all get around town in a different way. Parking Enforcement has observed an increase in the number of vehicles parking in designated bike lanes. The California Vehicle Code section 21211(b) prohibits the parking of any vehicle, including a bicycle or motorcycle, in a bike lane. Lanes will be marked and/or prohibitive signs posted. The fine for this citation is $60.00. If you have questions about parking in a specific location, contact Parking Services at 805-781-7230.
NEIGHBORHOOD CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS

The City has prioritized pedestrian improvements to provide safe and comfortable environments for folks walking around the city. Fourteen uncontrolled crosswalk locations have recently received installation of in-roadway pedestrian signage to bring awareness to drivers of pedestrians crossing. Uncontrolled crosswalks are those where motorists do not have a stop sign or a stop light that would require them to stop. Many of the uncontrolled crosswalk locations are within neighborhoods that are adjacent to or nearby schools.

OPEN SPACE CLEAN UP

City Ranger staff and the police department Community Action Team continue outreach efforts with transient campers in the open space. What’s often left behind when people leave a location are piles of trash. Staff and contracted clean up crews come in and remove all items, restoring the land to pre-camp site conditions. The camp shown below was near the north bound 101 freeway ramp at Madonna Road. If you come across camps in the Open Space, please report the location to City staff via our website.
COUNCIL APPROVES NEW RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS

On January 21, 2020 the San Luis Obispo City Council approved the formation of one new residential parking district and the expansion of an existing parking district. The new district will be located on Dana Street adjacent to downtown and will include a 2-hour timed parking overlay within the district. The expanded district, Monterey Heights, will have added sections of Buena Vista, Santa Ynez and San Miguel. Parking Services is currently working with the residents on the district roll out with hopes that permitting, signs and resident notifications can be completed prior to the summer months. Questions? Please contact Parking Supervisor Alex Fuchs at 805-781-7533 or afuchs@slocity.org.
**NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT ~ JULY - DECEMBER 2019**

**Neighborhood Blight Code Enforcement**

Visible Storage 91  
Waste Containers 167  
Vegetation 19  
Yard Parking 35  
Fence 1  
Furniture on Roof 7  
Other* 53  
**Total 373**  
*Signs, address ID, encroachment in right-of-way

**Neighborhood & Residential District Parking Enforcement**

No Residential Permit 1976  
Overtime 764  
Over 18 inches/Wrong way 297  
Prohibited Parking 267  
Fire Hydrant 80  
Fire Lane 53  
Blocking Driveway 113  
**Total 3,550**

**Noise/Party Calls**

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**NOISE JULY - DECEMBER 2019**

(Bar chart showing noise complaints by month from July to December 2019, with data points for each month indicated.)
Lock It or Lose It

Theft from unlocked vehicles continues to be pervasive in San Luis Obispo. Please help eliminate these "crimes of opportunity" and help keep your neighborhood safer by removing everything from vehicles and locking up, night and day.

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The San Luis Obispo Police Department encourages all residents to register their home surveillance cameras and video doorbells with the Police Department. Registering your camera will allow the Police Department to build a database of camera locations throughout the city. Registering your camera will not provide direct camera access to the Police Department, but simply alert us to the presence of the camera. All of the information collected in the registration process will only be available to employees of the San Luis Obispo Police Department, for official use only. You do not give up any of your privacy rights by participating in this program. Having this information will allow Officers to locate potential evidentiary video and contact the homeowner for a copy in a quick and efficient manner. We have a high success rate of identifying suspects in cases where we have video evidence. This effort will make our city safer as we leverage the excellent video quality of the popular home surveillance camera systems. Visit www.slopd.org to register.

Lock it or lose it.
Small actions prevent big losses.

The number of bicycle thefts and thefts from vehicles in San Luis Obispo is rising significantly. By leaving your car unlocked or belongings inside and visible, you’re inviting a crime of opportunity.

LOCK your car, bicycle and home

REMOVE all valuables from vehicles

PARK in well-lit areas

BE AWARE of suspicious activity and report it to the police

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies and (805) 781-7312 for non-emergency assistance.

www.slopd.org
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM

Crime Data
Community Programs
Fire Prevention
Neighborhood Parking
Code Enforcement

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Ludwick Community Center
864 Santa Rosa Street
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Questions? Contact Christine
@ 805-781-7186 or cwallace@slocity.org
Power outages are common during winter storms, so make sure you’re prepared with a survival kit. You should consider having a survival kit at home, work and in your car.

Your winter home maintenance checklist should include stocking up on bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, first-aid supplies, batteries and a smart phone charger.

**WATER**
Store unopened bottled drinking water in a cool, dark place next to your emergency kit. Calculate 1 gallon per adult per day. If you know a severe storm is on its way, it’s a good idea to plug and fill a bathtub with water to use for hygiene and sanitation in addition to your stored drinking water. Household chlorine bleach and a medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

**FOOD**
Store a three-day supply of nonperishable food in your emergency kit, and cycle out once or twice a year, checking expiration dates. Canned vegetables, soups, energy bars and unsalted nuts have long shelf lives. Make sure to include a can opener and any utensils needed to consume the packed food.

**FIRST AID KIT**
An essential piece to any survival kit is the first aid. Stock minor injuries like cuts, wounds, pain and burns. Consider any prescription medications taken in the household, and make sure you have enough on hand to get through an emergency.

**TOILETRIES**
These items may not seem important until you run out of them. You'll be happy you packed personal hygiene items, i.e. toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste, diapers, feminine supplies and hand sanitizer, etc.

**FLASHLIGHT OR LANTERN**
Make sure you have everything you need to navigate the dark during a storm, including a flashlight or lantern. Don't forget extra batteries!

**BLANKETS AND CLOTHING**
It's best to keep an extra set of clothing and sturdy shoes, as well as blankets, hats/beanies and gloves in your emergency kit. Mylar emergency blankets are thin, lightweight and easy to pack.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
Today it's easy to look up contact information on your cell phone, but when Internet, power and phone towers are down, how much information do you have memorized? Keep a list of emergency contact information, such as loved ones' phone numbers and addresses, hospital information, power company contact numbers, and which radio stations broadcast storm information.

**CASH**
Be prepared as post storm, ATMs and credit/debit card machines could still be down. Make sure you have a backup supply of cash or Traveler's Checks to buy any emergency supplies or food needed when stores are unable to accept any other form of payment.

**PET SUPPLIES**
Don't forget your fur babies. Store enough pet food and water to meet their needs during an emergency, too. Make sure you have a collar for your pet with an ID tag. A leash or tie-out can also be helpful to contain a nervous pet.

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES/INFORMATION**
- At least a week-long supply of prescription medications, along with a list of all medications, dosage, and any allergies.
- Extra eyeglasses and hearing-aid batteries.
- Extra wheelchair batteries (manual wheelchair if possible) and/or oxygen.
- Copies of medical insurance and Medicare cards.
- Contact information for doctors, relatives or friends who should be notified if you are hurt.
- A list of the style and serial number of medical devices. Include special instructions for operating your equipment if needed.

**ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**
Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Handheld electronic devices loaded with movies and games (and spare chargers), headphones to decrease auditory distractions, and comfort snacks and toys that meet needs for stimulation

**CALL 2-1-1,**
A PUBLIC RESOURCE DIRECTORY

2-1-1 is an easy to remember three-digit phone number that brings people and services together. It is a non-emergency telephone number that connects individuals and families with information and community resources. If there is an emergency or disaster that affects people county-wide, you can always call 2-1-1 for the most up-to-date information. During such events it is very important to keep 9-1-1 open for people who have been injured or need immediate help.
JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING

Community Choice Energy for the Central Coast

MBCP will be offering community meetings in both Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. Learn more about enrollment and what to expect through a presentation and a Q&A with your local MBCP representatives.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Veterans Memorial Building
209 Surf Street
6-8PM

Thursday, February 27, 2020
San Luis Obispo City Hall
990 Palm Street
6-8PM

Learn About:
What MBCP Means for You + MBCP Enrollment
California’s Community Choice Energy Model + Benefits of Community Choice Energy

For more info, visit MBCP.org  info@mbcp.org